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SUBJECT:DISCUSSION WITH FRENCH EMBASSY MINISTER ON
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

1. AT HIS REQUEST, FRENCH EMBASSY MINISTER DE LA GORCE CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM SEPTEMBER 19 TO DISCUSS THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. DE LA GORCE STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ADMIRERD THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION. AT THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SESSION, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE US INITIATIVE AND DESCRIBED IT AS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FORMULATION OF A POLICY WITH REGARD TO THE THIRD WORLD. DE LA GORCE OBSERVED THAT THE MOOD OF THE THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN CHANGED COMPLETELY BY THE SPECIAL SESSION.

2. BUFFUM SAID WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE FRANCE'S VIEWS ON THE SESSION. HE ADDED THAT WE REGRETTED THAT WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO INFORM OUR FRIENDS OF OUR PROPOSALS FARTHER
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IN ADVANCE. THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS BY ALL

INTERESTED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON CAME ONLY IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE SESSION.

3. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION BY DE LA GORCE, BUFFUM SAID THAT MANY OF THE US PROPOSALS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN FORUMS OUTSIDE THE UN. WE BELIEVE THE UN CAN PROVIDE A GENERAL DIRECTION AND ATMOSPHERE TO NEGOTIATIONS BUT OUR PROPOSALS ARE SO VARIED THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD PUT THEM BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY AS A RESOLUTION. THE GROUP OF 77 WANTED TO NEGOTIATE THEIR DOCUMENT LINE BY LINE WITH US. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, TO HIS CREDIT, TOOK INITIATIVE IN INTRODUCING AN ILLUSTRATIVE WORKING PAPER.

4. DE LA GORCE INQUIRED ABOUT THE EXACT MEANING OF SEVERAL OF THE US RESERVATIONS. AFTER GIVING EXPLANATIONS BUFFUM TURNED DISCUSSION TO THE SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSED TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIA (REPORTED SEPTTEL). KISSINGER

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